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Dear Grant Applicant:

I am pleased to announce that a third round of grants will be awarded from the **Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services**, a competitive grant program to support communities in developing joint ventures to deliver services. This grant program seeks to encourage innovative, collaborative efforts that demonstrate significant cost savings in the delivery of local and regional government services by developing efficiencies that ensure sustainable, high quality services while reducing local property tax burdens.

The grant program will be administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, with the assistance of the State Planning Office. We are also honored to have municipal, regional and state government officials, who are familiar with efforts to streamline government, participating on the panel to review applications.

The total funding for the grant program for FY 2008 is \$500,000. It is anticipated that a significant number of proposals will be submitted for consideration. Please be aware that the review panel, which will be making the grant awards, will work to make the money benefit as many projects as possible, but it may not be possible to fund all projects and they may not be funded at the full amount requested in your proposal.

Applications must be delivered to the Division of Purchases, Burton M. Cross Building, 4th floor, 9 State House Station, 111 Sewall St., Augusta, ME 04333-0009 no later than 2:00 P.M. local time on Friday, February 15, 2008.

These grant funds are intended to encourage and support cooperation across and along all lines of government and to foster relationships that will allow collaborations that benefit not only the participating governmental units, but also the citizens of Maine. I encourage your community to consider partnering with a neighboring municipality, county or regional government subdivision to develop a project that will provide for the joint delivery of services and apply for a grant to assist with the implementation of these endeavors.

Sincerely,

Rebecca M. Wyke
Commissioner

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